ANNO TERTIO
HENRICI OCTAVI.

THE KYNG OVR SOVERAYNE lorde Henry the. VIII. after the conquest, by the grace of god kynge of Englande and of Fraunce, and lorde of Irelande, at his parliamente holden at westminster the. iiii. daie of Februarye, in the thyrde yere of his mooste noble reygne, to the honour of god and holie churche, and for the common weale and profite of this his realme, by the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, hath do to be ordeyned, made, and enacted certayne statutes and ordinaunces in maner and fourme folowyng.

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WHere in a parliament begonne and holden at weſtmiſter the. xvi. daye of Januarye. in the .xvii. yere of kynge Edwarde the. iiii. amonges other it was ordeyned by auctoritie of the ſame parliament, that no perſonne ſhulde cary, ne make to be caried out of this realme or wales from no parte of the ſame, any maner money of the coyne of this realme, nor money of the coynes of other realmes landes, or lordſhips, nor plate, veſſell, bullion, nor iewell of golde garniſſhed or vngarniſſhed or of ſiluer, withoute the kynges lycence, but ſuche perſones as be diſpenſed within the ſtatute, made in the ſeconde yere of kynge Henry the. vi. and other diuers ſtatutes made, vpon peyne of felonie, as in the ſaid ſtatute and ordinaunce more plainly doth appere. The whiche ſtatute and ordinaunce was made to endure from the feaſt of Eſter, in the. xviii. yere of the ſaide kynge Edwarde, vnto the end of. vii. yeres than nexte enſuinge, whiche ſtatute and ordinaunce afore reherſed, by auctorite of parliamente holden in the. iiii. yere of the reigne of the late kynge of moſte famous memorie Henry the. vii. were affirmed and enacted to be good and effectuall from the feaſt of the purificacion of our lady, the yere of our lorde god. M. CCCC. lxxxix. and to endure vnto thende of. xx. yeres than nexte enſuinge. And for as muche as the ſaide ſtatute ordinaunce and acte ſhulde expyre: and whiche is thoughte for the more parte to be very good and neceſſatye, Therfore be it enacted by auctorite of this preſent parliament, that the ſaid ſtatutes, ordinãces, and actes aboue reherſed, be and ſhall ſtande good and effectuall from the feaſte of the purificacion of our lady, in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. ix. after the computacion of Englande, in euery thynge therin cõteined, except only the penaltie of felonie in the ſaid ſtatute limitted: And that from the ſaide feaſt of the purificacion of our lady, in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. ix. euery perſon, that ſhall carie, or do to be caried ouer the ſea, or bringe it into any ſhyppe or veſſel to be caried ouer the ſea, any money, coyne, plate, veſſell, bullion, iewell of golde garniſſhed or vngarniſſhed, or of ſyluer, contrary to the forme of the ſaide ſtatutes, ſhall forfaite the double value of the ſame: the one halfe therof to the kynge, and the other halfe to him that ſhall ſeiſe it, or therfore ſue by action of dette at the cõmon lawe. And this acte to endure to the nexte parliament.

Money.

Plate.
Bullion.
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Licence.

¶ In acte concernynge eſchetours and commiſſioners for true kynedynge of offices to endure for euer. Cap. ii.

PRayen the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, that where in the parliament holden at weſtmyſter, the. xxi. day of January, the fyrſte yere of the reygne of our ſouerayne lorde the kynge that nowe is, for

Eschetour

as muche as diuers of the kynges subiectes of late tyme were hurted, troubled, wronged, and some disherited by eschetours and commissioners, causynge vntrue offices to be founden, and sometyme retournynge into the courtes of recorde, offices and inquisicions that were neuer founde, and sometime chaungeinge the matter of the offices that were truely founden, to the greate hurte, trouble, and dispersion of the kynges true subiectes, that lyke before time hath not ben sene in this realme. Wherfore it was ordeyned, established, and enacted by auctoritee of the saide parliamente, that if

Commissioner.

any eschetour or commissioner hereafter retourne, or put in to anie of the kynges courtes, anie inquisicions or offices, concerninge landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes: not founden nor presented by the othes of xii. men, and indented, and by them sealed: that than the same eschetour or commissioner to forfaite for euery such office or inquisicion so retourned and put in to any of the saide courtes, a hundreth pounde to the partie or par-

Offices.

ties greued by any suche inquisicion or office. And from henseforthe that no eschetour, ne no man sytte by vertue of any cõmission, to enquere of landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, excepte he, or other to his vse, haue landes, tenementes or hereditamentes, of the yerely value of. xl. markes, aboue al charges and reprises, vpon peyne of. xx. li. And that it shal be lawefull for all persones that be not sufficient of freholde in possession or vse, at the tyme of any suche commission to them deliuered. to refuse to sytte and inquere by vertue of the same commission: And that they vpon processe made against them out of the kynges Eschequer, by vertue of the same commission, to be discharged vpon theyr othes for their sayde non sufficiencie,

Othe.

without fyne or fee. And that euery eschetour and commissioner shall sitte in conuenient and open places accordynge to the statutes here tofore made. And that the saide eschetour and commissioner shall suffer euery persone to geue euidence openly in theyr presens to such enquestes as shalbe taken before any of them, vpon peyne of. xl. li. And that no Sheriffe nor other p-

Sheriff.

sone, whiche shall or ought to retourne wryttes or preceptes, retourne before Eschetours or suche commissioner anie person or persons to enquere of any landes or tenementes, excepte euery of the same Jury (so retourned) or other to their vse, haue landes or tenementes of the yerely value of. xl. s. within the same shyre, where the same enquerie shalbe made, without fraude

Forfaiture

or collucion, aboue all charges & reprises, vpõ peine of forfayture for euery person so retourned one. C. s. And that the Jury, that shall be sworne before anie eschetour or suche commissioner, to enquere of landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, shall receyue the counterpane of the office or inquisicion, that by them shall be presented, indented and sealed by the eschetour, or by such commissyoner, and the same delyuer, and suffer to reste in the possession of the fyrste persone, that shalbe sworne in the said Jury, with hym to remayne, to thentente that the saide commyssioner or eschetour maie not chaunge nor embesell the saide offices or inquisicions. And this to be done

vpon

vpon peyne of euerye of the saide persons (that shall be swo:ne) .xx.s. And that euery eschetour and commissioner after a Jury o: enquest befo:e any of them swo:ne, be redy to gyue their verdite o: p:esentment, and offer to p:esente the same, that the same eschetour o: commyssioners, o: parte of them shall receyue the same verdite without farder delaye, vpon peyne of .C.li. and delyuer the counterpane of the endenture to the Jurye in fourme afo:e rehersed, vpon lyke peyne. And that if the clerke of the petite bagge of the kynges Chauncery (fo: the time beyng) o: his deputie o: deputies, o: any other offycer, there hauyng actho:itee to receyue any suche office o: inquisicyon, to whose handes any suche office o: inquysicyon shall come to, whiche ought to be retourned into the said Chauncery, wyll not receiue ỳ same office o: inquisicion, and put it on the Filas to remayne of reco:de, within iii. dayes after it be receiued o: offred to hym to be receyued: he to fo:fayte fo: euery suche defaute .xl.li. And the commissioner o: eschetour, afo:e whom the same office o: inquisicion is founden (as is afo:esayd) and offered to be delyuered in to the Chauncery, to be discharged of the penaltie of xl.li. lympted by statute fo: none retournyng of the same office o: inquisicion within thre monthes. And that lyke lawe and penalty be to charge the officer o: officers of the kynges eschequere, fo: the tyme beynge, whiche oughte to receiue inquisicions o: offices retournable in to the same Eschequer, refusynge so to receiue them: And that the commyssyoner o: eschetour, befo:e whom the said inquisicions o: offices be founden, be discharged of the penaltie of the statute fo: none retournyng of the same inquisicions o: offices, so that than the sayde eschetour o: commissioners, at any tyme after the mo:eth of any suche offices befo:e them o: any of them taken, within a nother moneth than nert ensuyng retourne the said office in to the sayd Chauncery o: eschequer, as the case shall requyre. And that the sayde clerke of the petite bagge, fo: the tyme beynge, certifie o: cause to be certified the transcript of euery suche office, o: inquisicion, taken befo:e any cõmissioners o: eschetours, into the kinges eschequer the yerte tetine folowyng the receyte therof, vpon peyne of fo:faiture fo: euery suche defaute. C.s. And that no man be compelled after the feaste of all sayntes nerte commyng to occuppe no: exercise the office of any eschetour by any one patent, ouer one hole yere. And that he that is ones eschetour, shall not be made eschetour againe with in thre yeres after the fo:esayde hole yere ended. And if any eschetour (after the feaste of all Sayntes) be made Eschetour, o: exercyse his offyce by reason of one patent ouer the tyme of one hole yere ended, o: be made eschetour within .iii. yere, after as is afo:esayde that than after the sayde hole yere, in fourme afo:e sayd ended, his patent so made to be voyde and of none effecte. And that the partie o: parties so greued shall haue his o: their recouerie of euery of the sayd fo:faitures of one .C. pounde, by action of dette, in whiche action the defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, no: be by p:otection no: essoyn. And the residue of the other fo:faitures (exp:essed in this p:esent acte)

Clerke of the petie bagge.

Eschequer

Inquisicion.

Fo:faiture.

the kynge shall haue the one moyte therof, and the partie, that wyll sue therfore by action of dette, the other moitie. And the defendant shall haue none other delay but as is aforesayde.

Letters patentes.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte, concernynge eschetours for exercisynge of theyr office ouer a whole yere togyther, and letters patentes or grauntes made or to bee made to any eschetour for terme of lyfe, or for yeres, or other wyse, extende not, ne bee preiudiciall to any eschetour that now is, and that here after shall be made and ordeyned in any citie, or towne corporate, or in the duchies of Lancastre, cornewalle, and the countyes palantynes of Lancaster, Chester, Duram, or Ely, or any other countie palantyne within the realme of Englande, Wales, or other marches of the same, or to any eschetour made, or hereafter to be made, by any person or persons spirituall or temporall, hauing auctoritee by reason of any fraūchese, libertie, priueleges, prescriptions, or graunt, to depute or make any such eschetour in the same.

Countie Palantine.

¶ Prouided also that this acte (as to any penaltie in the same concernyng the sufficiencie of eschetour and iurours aforesaide) extende not, nor be preiudiciall to any eschetour in cities or townes corporate, ne to any other eschetour made, or hereafter to be made by any person or persons, haynge priuileges to make eschetours for inquisicions of landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, ne to any sheriffe or bayliffe for retournynge in any panell any person or persons before any of the sayde eschetours of lesse value than is conteyned in the sayde acte. The eschetours of the counties palantyne of Lancaster, and Chester in this prouise onely forprised and excepted.

Justices of peace.

¶ Prouided also that this acte extende nor be preiudiciall to any Justices of the peace, for any thynge doung concernyng the commission of the peace, whiche acte and statute was ordeyned and made to endure vnto ỹ fyrst day of this present parlyament. And for as muche as the sayde acte is thoughte to be verey necessary and behoseable: Be it therfore ordeined, establyshed, and enacted by the kyng our souerayngne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the sayde acte concerninge eschetours and commyssioners, and euery thyng therin conteyned, stande and be in full strength vertue and effecte for euer more.

¶ An acte concernyng the mayntenaunce of archery and shotynge in longe bowes within this realme. Cap. iii.

THe kynge our souerayngne lorde, callynge to his moste noble and gracious remembrance, that by the feate and exercise of the subiectes of this his realme in shotynge in longe bowes, there hath continually growen and ben within the same great nombre and multitude of good archers, whiche haue not only defended this realme, and the subiectes therof agaynst the cruell malice & daunger of theyr outwarde enemies

ennemyes in tyme herr to fore passed, but also with litle nombre & puissance in regarde, haue done many notable actes and discomfetures of warre agaynst the infidels and other, and furthermore subdued and reduced diuers and many regions and countreys to their due obeisance to the great honour, fame, and suertie of this realme and subiectes, and to the terrible drede and feare of all straunge nacions any thinge to attempte or do to the hurt or damage of them or any of them. And albeit that dyuers good & profitable statutes in the tyme of his noble progenitours and predecessours kynges of this lande, for the maintenaunce of archerie and longe bowes heretofore haue ben made, amonge whiche the right famous kyng of noble memorye Henry the. vii. father to our sayde souerayne lorde, by auctoritee of dyuers parlyamētes, caused good and notable actes and statutes to be established and made, and that shotyng in crosbowes shulde be set on parte & not vsed. And also that great nombre of bowestaues of ewe shoulde be brought and conueyed by marchauntes repayrynge into this realme from those partes where they growe, vpon certayne peynes in the same statutes limitted and conteyned. yet neuer the lesse archery and shotyng in longe bowes is ryght lytle vsed, but dayly minisheth, decayeth, and abateth more and more, for that muche parte of the cōmynaltie and parell of the realme, wherby of olde tyme the great noumbre and substaunce of archers hath growen and multiplied, be not of power nor abilitie to bie thē longe bowes of ewe, to exercise shotynge in the same, and to susteyne the continuall charge therof, and also by meanes and occasion of customable vsage of tenes plate, bowles, closshe, and other vnlawfullgames prohibite by many good and beneficiall estatutes, by auctoritee of parlyament, in that behalfe prouyded and made, great impouerisshement hath insued, and many heynous murders, roberies, and felonies bee commytted and doone, and also the deuine seruyce, by suche mysdoers on holy and festiuall dayes not herde or solemnised, to the hyghe displeasure of almyghty god. Wherfore the kynges highnesse of his moste blessed disposicion, great wisedome, and prouidence, and also forsele to the publyke weale, suertie and defence of this his realme, and subiectes, and theyr auncient fame in this behalfe to be reuiued and repayred, by the assent of his lordes spirituall and temporal, and his commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, hath ordeined, enacted, and establysshed, that the statute of wynchester for archers, be put in due execucion. And ouer that, that euery man beynge the kynges subiecte, not lame, decrepite, nor maymed, nor hauyng any other lawfull or reasonable cause or impediment, beyng within the age of. lx. yeres excepte spirituall men, Justices of the one benche and of the other, Justices of Assise, and barons of the eschequer, do vse and exercise shotynge in longe bowes. And also to haue a bowe and arrowes redy continually in his house to vse hym selfe, and do vse hym selfe in shotynge. And also that the father, gouernours, and rulers of suche as be of tender age, do teache and bryng vp them

Archerie.

Crosbowes.

Bowstaues.

vp them in the knowlage of the ſame ſhotyng. And that euery man hauing a man childe, or men children in his houſe, ſhall prouide, ordeyne, & haue in his houſe for euery man chylde, beynge of the age of .vii. yeres, & aboue, tyll he ſhall come to the age of .xvii. yere, a bowe & .ii. ſhaftes, to enduce & lerne them & bringe them vp in ſhoting, and ſhall delyuer all the ſame bowes and arrowes to the ſame yonge men, to vſe and occupie. And if the ſame yonge men be ſeruauntes, that than their maiſters ſhall abate the money that they ſhall paie for the ſame bowes and arrowes of theyr wages. And after all ſuch yonge men ſhall come to the age of .xvii. yeres, euery of them ſhall prouyde and haue a bowe & .iii. arrowes continually for him ſelfe at his propre coſtes & charges, or els of the gyft or prouyſion of his frendes, and vſe and occupie the ſame in ſhotynge, as is afore reherſed. And that the Juſtices of aſſiſes, of gaole delyuere, Juſtices of peace, & ſtewardes of fraūchiſes, letes, and lawdayes, haue power to enquere of all the premiſſes in theyr ſeſſions, letes, and lawe daies, and here & determyne the ſame. And alſo by their diſcrecions examine all perſons lackynge & not hauinge bowes, ſhaftes, and arrowes accordyng to the fourme afore reherſed. And euery pſon that ſhall be founded by ſuche inquerie or examinacion in defaute, or not prouidyng & hauyng bowes arrowes & ſhaftes redy by the ſpace of one monthe, ſhall forfayte and pay for euery ſuche defaute .iii. d. And where any ſuche forfaiture ſhall happen to be founden within the precincte of any fraunchiſe lete or law daie, than the lorde of the ſame fraunchiſe lete or lawday ſhall haue the forfaiture therof. And in all other places, all ſuche forfayture to be to the king our ſoueraygne lorde, his heyres and ſucceſſours. And that all ſtatutes heretofore made againſt them that vſe vnlawfull games, be duly put in execucion, & punyſhement had accordyng to the penalties of the ſame, as well againſt the offenders & occupiers of ſuch vnlaufull games, as againſt them that be owners or keperſ of houſes or other places, where any ſuche vnlaufull games be vſed, accordyng to ỹ purport tenor & intent of ỹ ſame ſtatutes. And furthermore that all iuſtices of peace, mayres, bayliffes, ſheriffes, conſtables, & all other head officers and euery of them, fyndynge or knowynge any maner perſon or pſons, vſynge or exerciſynge any vnlaufull games, contrary to the ſayde eſtatute, haue full power and auctorite to cōmytte euery ſuch offender to warde, there to remayne without bayle or mainprize, to ſuch tyme he or they ſo offendynge, be bounden by obligacion to the kynges vſe, in ſuche ſomme of money, as by the diſcrecion of the ſaide Juſtices, mayres, baylyffes, or other head officers ſhalbe thought reaſonable, that they nor any of them ſhall not frō thenſeforth vſe any vnlaufull games. And ỹ euery bowier within this realme, alway make for euery one bowe of ewe, that he maketh to ſell, at the leaſt .ii. bowes of elme, wyche, or other wodde of meane price. And if they or any of them refuſe ſo to do, and it founden before the iuſtices of peace in the ſhyre, or maires bailyffes, or other head officer of cities or boroughes within theyr cities or borowes, by preſentement of .xii. men, or by

Forfayture.

Vnlaufull games.

Juſtices of peace.

Bowier.

Head officers.

or by due examinacion before the saide Justices of peace, or .ii. of them, or before the sayde mayres or baylyffes, that than the same Justices, mayres, or baylyffes haue full auctorite and power to cõmytte them to warde, there to remaine without bayle or maynprise by ỹ space of .viii. dayes or more, by the discrecion of the saide iustices, mayres, or bailiffes. And also that buttes be made in euery citee, towne, & place accordynge to the lawe of auncient tyme vsed. And that the inhabitantes & dwellers in euery of them bee compelled to make and continue suche buttes, & to exercise them selfe with longe bowes in shotyng at the same & els where on holy dayes & other tymes conuenient. Buttes.

¶ And ouer that it is enacted by the sayd auctorite, ỹ euery iustice of peace within this realme, or .ii. of them within their seuerall iurisdictions, haue full power and auctorite to take, assigne, & appoynt bowiers in .iii. ii. or mo places by theyr discrecion, within euery shyre, citee, or borowes, where the most common repayre and resorte is of his subiectes, & there to inhabite and make longe bowes of elme, wyche, or other wodde of litell price and value to serue the cõmynaltee for the due exercise of shotynge, and to take and cõpell as many of them as they shall thynk necessary by theyr discrecions, to inhabyte at suche places for the same. And so in lyke wyse as often as ỹ case shall require & be thought behouefull. And that all bowe staues of ewe hereafter to be brought in to this realme to be solde, be open and not solde in bundels nor close, to thentent the byers of theym may haue perfyte knowlege of the goodnesse of them, and gyue the better price for them, if they be so worthe. Bowstaues.

¶ And be it also enacted by ỹ auctorite afore said, that all maires, bailiffes, sheryffes, and all other head officers shall make open proclamacion of these presentes in euery market & feire to be holden within their seueral iurisdictions & auctorities. And also that the Justice of the gaole delyuere, assises, & Justices of pece do cause the same to be proclamed in theyr seuerall circuites, and sessions before them to be holden. This acte concernynge the makynge of bowes of elme, wiche, or other than of ewe, to begyn to take effecte at the feast of Lammesse nerte cõmyng: And the residue of all this acte to take effecte & be put in execucion immediately, & to endure to the nexte parlyament.

Item that no stranger borne out of the kynges obeysaunce (not beynge denyzen) shall not conuey nor do to be conueied in to any partes out of the kynges obeisance any lõge bowes, arrowes, or shaftes, without the kynges speciall licẽce, vpon peine of forfaiture of the same, where so euer they shalbe taken within this the kynges power, & vpon peyne of imprisonment without bayle or mainprise, vnto suche tyme he or they (so beyng in ward) haue made a reasonable fyne to the kynge for his or theyr offences, afore the Justice of peace or .ii. of them in their sessions in the same coũtie, where he or they shalbe cõmitted to warde, or finde sufficient suertie for the paymẽt of the same fine. Stranger borne. Licence. Forfaiture. Imprisonment.

¶ Item that no maner persone, not beynge borne within the kynges obeysaunce) not made denisen, vse within the kynges obeysaunce shotyng with longe bowes, without the kynges licence, vpon peyne of forfaiture of suche Licence.

bowes

bowes, arowes, and shaftes, as they shall be founden so shotyng with, and euerie of the kinges subiectes maie haue auctoritie to take and seise the same forfaitures to his owne vse.

¶ An acte of protections and licence of alienation for such persones as shalbe in the kynges warres. Ca.iiii.

THe kynge our soueraygne lorde, for diuers causes and reasonable considerations him mouyng, by the assent of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, hath enacted, ordeyned, and establysshed, that euery persone, of what condicion or degree he be of, beinge or hereafter shal be in our said soueraigne lorde the kynges wages and seruice of warre beyonde the sea, or vpon the sea, at his pleasure, haue the protection of protecture or morature, cum clā volumus. And in the exception of the saide protection there be made omission of assisis. And that the saide protections be allowable in all the kynges courtes, and other courtes, where the saide protections shalbe pleaded or layed for any of the saide persons in all please of assise, as well of nouell disseisyn as of fresshe force without any difficultie: And excepte alway that the sayde protections be not allowable in actions of dette, taken or to be taken by our soueraigne lorde the kynge, or by any person to his vse, or to the vse of our late soueraygne lorde kyng Henry the.vii. or to the vse of his executours for the performaunce of his wyll, nor in any appelle of murder or felonie by any persone or persones, sued or to be sued. And that a speciall clause be expressed in the same protection for the same.

Protectiō

¶ Also be it enacted, that the iudgementes to be geuen from hensforth in such Assise, arrayned or to be arrayned, shall not be preiudiciall to any of the sayde persons, so beinge in the seruice of our soueraygne lorde the kynge (as is aforesayde) whiche haue any thyng in reuercyon or remaynder in landes or tenemētes, wherof suche Assise be arrayned, if the names of those persones, whiche be in the reuercion or remaynder of such landes or tenementes, be not in the sayd Assise, but that the sayd iudgement be agaynst all them voyde: The sayde ordinaunce to endure and be auaylable to euerye of the sayde persons as longe as he abydeth in the kynges wages and seruice of warre. And if this ordinaunce, touchynge the said persons so nowe abydyng or after this shall so abyde in the seruice of the kynges highnes, be not sufficient for the ease and suertie of them: Be it ordeyned and enacted by the same auctoritie, that our soueraygne lorde the kynge, and the lordes of his councel (for the tyme beyng) haue full power in all maner of actions, suites and processe, to graunt to euery of suche persons protections, as shall be in theyr causes auaylable after theyr discrecions, durynge the tyme that they or any

seruise of warre.

or any of them continue in the saide seruice of warre.

¶ Prouided that this acte be not auaylable to any persone for any entree, sens the firste day of this present parliament. Also be it enacted, that if any dyscent of any landes or tenementes or any other ryght or hereditamentes be to any persone or persons (beyng within this realme or els where) that that discent be of no gretter effect to the damage or hurt of the saide persons beyng in the kynges seruice, as is aforesaide, than if the sayd persons in the kinges seruice so beyng were within the age of .xii. yeres. Dyscent.

¶ Also be it ordeyned by the sayd auctoritee, that all such persones, as shall passe ouer the sea, or byde vpon the sea in the kynges seruice, as is aforesaid, eueriche of them, whiche haue landes and tenementes holden of the kyng, or of any other to theyr onely vse, shall nowe lawfully make therof alienacion, feoffamentes, & transmutation of possession by bede or bedes, fyne or fynes recouree or recouerees, for the performaunce of theyr wylles, without any fyne for the sayd alienactions, feoffementes, fynes, recouerees, or trãsmutation of possession therfore to be made. And that they and euery of them, theyr heyres and assignes, and the heyres and assignes of euery of thẽ, be discharged of all suche fines by the said acte without letters patentes of lycence or pardõ, or other discharge to be had in that behalfe. ¶ And furthermore be it also ordeyned and enacted by the saide auctoritee, that if any of the sayd persons, so beyng in the sayde seruice, whiche holde landes or tenementes of the kynge, or of any other by knightes seruice or other wyse, wherfore his heyre ought to be in warde, and fortune in the saide seruice to decesse beyonde the sea or vpon the sea, or that any feoffement of the same landes and tenementes, be supposed to be made by collusion, the heyre of the owner of the same landes and tenementes beynge within age: that than the feoffes or executours of suche persone so deceased, haue the warde and mariage of the heire, so beynge within age, and of the landes and tenementes so holden durynge the nonage of euery suche heyre, to the performaunce of the wyll of the sayde person so deceassed, without any accompte or other thynge to be yolden, paynge yerely the rentes to the chiefe lorde or lordes of the tenementes duryng to euery person or persons, other then the said persons, that shall make any such alinacõ feoffement fyne, or suffer recouerie tobe had ayenst thẽ, without paying therefore any fyne to the kynge or the lorde or lordes, of whom the saide landes is holden, for the same, such right tytle vse and interest, as they had before the sayd feoffement alienacion fyne recoueree, or transmutacion of possession, or any of them, made or suffred of any such landes tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof any suche feoffemente fyne alienacion or recoueree so shall be made. Alienacõ, Fine, Feoffement

¶ Prouided alway, that this acte extende not to any capitaynes or souldyours, that nowe be or hereafter shall be reteyned within the townes of Caleys, Hammes, Guisnes, Rysebanke, and Berwyke, Wales, or any of them, and the marches of the same. Capitaines Soldiours

In acts

An acte for payment of wages to ſouldiours beynge in the kynges warre. Lay. v.

FOraſmuche as the kynge our ſouerayne lorde entendeth, by the grace of god, to ſend ouer the ſea a great army, truſtyng therby not onely to preſerue this his realme in his anciẽt fame & honor, but alſo to ſet in perfect peace & tranquillitee his ſubiectes of the ſame, and the better to be diſpoſed to ſerue god. Howe be it many tymes by the inordinate couetiſnes of capitaines retained with prices afore this time, great parte of the noumbre of ſouldiours, for whom ſuche capitaynes haue endented with princes at tyme of nede, haue lacked of theyr numbre of ſouldyours, wherby great ieoperdie hath enſued, and irrecuperable damages may enſue, if remedy therfore be not ſene and had. Be it therfore ordeyned by auctorite of this preſent parlyament, that if any capitayne be reteined or hereafter ſhall be, to ſerue the kyng vpon the ſea, or beyonde the ſea in feat of warre, whiche haue not his or theyr hole and perfite noumbre of men and ſouldiours, accordynge as he ſhall be reteyned with the kynge, or geue not theym theyr full wages without abridgement, as he ſhall receiue of the kyng for them: he ſhall for ſuche defaute forfaite to the kyng all his gooddes and catalles, and their bodies to priſon. and that euery capitayne peti capitayne, and all other hauyng vnder them retinue of ſouldiour or ſouldiours at the kynges wages, ſhall (vpon the peyne afore ſayde) paie to the retinue of ſouldiour or ſouldiours, and euery of the ſame, the wages ratably as is alowed vnto them by the kynge our ſouerayne lorde, or the treaſourer of his warres, without leſſynge or withdrawynge of any parte therof. And for as longe tyme as they ſhall receiue wages for them, this payment to be made vnto the ſayd retinues, and euery ſouldiour of the ſame, of theyr capitaynes, and pety capitaines, alwaies within. vi. dayes next and immediatly after ỳ the ſayde capitayne, pety capitayne or other ſhall haue receiued their wages of the kynge, or of the treaſourer of his warres, or of their lordes or maiſters. And if any ſouldiour, being no capitaine immediatly reteined with the kyng, whiche hereafter ſhalbe in wages and reteined, or take any preſt to ſerue the kyng vpon the ſea or vpon the lande, or beyonde the ſea, departe out of the kynges ſeruice, without lycence of the kynges lieutenaunt there, that ſuch departyng be taken demed & adiudged felonie. And that he ſo offendyng, ſuffer for the ſayde offence puniſſhement and execucion of felonie. And foraſmuch as his offence ſtretcheth to the hurte & ieopardy of the kyng our ſoueraine lorde, the nobles of the realme, & of all the cõmon wele therof, that therfore he or they ſo offending (not being within orders of holy church) enioie not the benefite of his clergie. ¶ And that it be ordeyned by the ſayde auctorite, that the Juſtices of the peace of euery ſhyre of Englande, where any ſuch offenders be taken, haue power to inquere of the ſayd offences, and the ſame to here & determyne, as they do and may do of felonies, treſpaces,

Capitaine

Forfayture.

Souldiours wages.

Souldiours departyng without lycence. Felonie.

Benefite of clergie.

Juſtices of peace.

and

and other offẽces expꝛessed in the kinges cõmissiõ to them made, as though the said offences were done in the same shyꝛe. And also that the said departyng of such souldiours, & also their retenours (if it be trauersed) be tried in the same shire, where they be foꝛ suche causes arrested and arrayned.

¶ Pꝛouided alwaie that no capitayne be charged by this acte foꝛ lacke of his numbꝛe retayned (as is aboue sayde) whose souldiours shall happen to die, oꝛ otherwise departe not in the defaut of the capitaine, so that the said capitaine, if he be at lande wages, shewe the departing oꝛ lacking of his souldiour within .x. daies after the lackyng of the saide souldiour, vnto the kinges leutenant there, & to the treasourer of the warres. Oꝛ if the capitaine be at the sea wages, if he shewe the departing oꝛ lackyng of the souldiour so lacking, to the admiral of the nauy, where he is receiued at the next meting with the said admirall. ¶ Pꝛouided alway that this acte extẽde not to any capitaines oꝛ souldiours, that nowe be oꝛ hereafter shall be reteined within the townes of Caleis, Hammes, and Guysnes, Rysebanke, Berwyke, and Wales, oꝛ any of them, and the marches of the same.

¶ Pꝛouided alway that this acte be not pꝛeiudiciall noꝛ hurtfull to ỹ saide capitaines pety capitaines noꝛ any other, hauing vnder them retynue of souldiours, noꝛ any of them, foꝛ none paiment of the kinges wages to their housholde seruauntes and other, to whom they shall dayly finde and geue meate and dꝛinke duringe the saide seruice of warre.

¶ An acte concerninge true makynge and dꝛappng of wollen clothes. Cap. vi.

FOꝛ the deceitfull drappynge and makynge of wollen clothes, made and dꝛaped within this realme, & also foꝛ mesuryng in sale of the same, our soueraine loꝛde the kyng, by the aduise and assent of his loꝛdes spirituall and tempoꝛall, & the cõmons in this pꝛesent parliamẽt assembled, & by auctoꝛitie of the same, hath oꝛdained, established, & enacted diuers oꝛdinaunces & statutes foꝛ the true making & dꝛaping of suche wollen clothes, & foꝛ measurynge in sales the true content of the same, in maner & foꝛme folowyng. Fyꝛst that the wolle, which shalbe deliuered foꝛ oꝛ by the clothier to any person oꝛ persons foꝛ bꝛeaking, kumbing, carding, oꝛ spinnyng of the same, the deliuerie thereof shalbe by euen iust and true poyse and weyght of haberdipoyse, sealed by auctoꝛitie, not exceding in weight after the rate of .xii. poũde wolle seymed aboue one quarter of a poũde foꝛ the waste of the same wolle, and in none other maner. And that the bꝛeaker oꝛ kember to delyuer agayne to the sayde clothier the same wolle so bꝛoken & kempte, and the carder and spynner to delyuer agayne to the same clothier yerne of the same wolle by the same euen iuste & true poise and weyght (the waste thereof excepted) without any parte therof concelynge, oꝛ any moꝛe oyle, water, oꝛ other thynge put therunto deceyuably

Dꝛapynge of wollen clothes.

Wolle.

Clothier.

Carder & spinner.

vpon

vpon peyne to be sette vpon the pyllorie, or the cukkyng stoole, man or woman, as the case shal require, vpon due proofe of suche deceite afore and by the discrecion of the mayre baylie or other head officer of citie borroughe or towne, where the deceit shall appere, the same mayre, bayly, or head officer, callynge to him suche personnes as shall seme to him conuenient for the proofe of such deceyte.

Weauer. ¶ Item that the weauer, whiche shall haue the weaupnge of any wollen yarne to be webbed in to clothe, shall weaue, werke, and put in to the webbe for clothe to be made therof, as muche and all the same yarne, as the clothier or any person for hym shal deliuer to the same weauer, with his vsed marke put to the same, without chaungeyng, or any parcel therof leauyng out of the same webbe, or to restore to the same clothier the surpluis of the same yarne, if any be left not put in to the same webbe, & without any more oyle, greene, moysture, duste, sande, or other thynge deceiuable puttynge to or casting to the same webbe, vpon peyne to be sette vpon the pillorie, by proofe, discrecion, and in maner as is aforesayde.

Pillorie.

Coloured wolle or yarne. ¶ Item that no maner persone bie any coloured wolle, or coloured wollen yarne of any carder, spinner, or weauer, but onely in open market, vpon peyne to be sette vpon the pillorie in maner aforesayd.

Walker. Fuller. ¶ Item that the walker and fuller shall truely walke ful thycke and werke euery webbe of wollen yarne, whiche he shall haue to walke fulle thycke or werke, without any clockes, or any other maner deceyte to be vsed within the same, and shal not rowe nor werke any clothe or webbe with any cardes on the ryght syde, nor on the wronge syde, vpon peyne to be set vpon the pyllorie in maner afore rehersed.

¶ Item that the clothier, nor other person, what so euer he be, after the feast of Mydsomer nexte comynge, shall not put any cloth to sale, whiche whan it shall be fulle wette, shall shrynke more than one yarde in all the lengthe, and one quarter of a yarde in the breade, for the more parte therof. And clothes called narowe or straytes after the rate, vpon peyne to forfayte for euery clothe otherwyse put to sale. iii. s. iiii. d. And beside that to reducte of his price for the same, to be rebated to the byer therof as muche after the rate as the same cloth so otherwyse put to sale, being full wette, shal shrynke more than a yarde of that it was in length, tyme of the same sale, & as it beynge wette, shall wante of the breade of one yarde .iii. quarters of a yarde.

Bier of wollen clothes. ¶ Item that the bier of wollen clothes (denysyn or alyen) after the byenge therof, shal not drawe, nor cause to be drawen in length, nor straine, nor do to be strained in breade the same clothes nor any of them, by tente or wynch, or by any other mene, vpon peyne of forfayture for euery of the same clothes, so to be drawen or strayned. C.s.

¶ Prouided alway, that if suche bier of clothes, for pfe, cause fulthe clothes to be full wette, he may drawe & strayne them for euenynge of them only, so that exceede not one yarde in legh more than it shalbe whā it shalbe full wette Item that no maner person (what degree or condicion so euer he be of) werke

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or put vpon any wollen clothes any flockes, or other deceiuable thing, vpon peyne to forfaite for euery cloth, so wroughte deceyuably with flockes, or other deceyuable thynge. xl. s. and beside that to be sette vpon the pyllory, in maner and forme afore rehersed. Flockes.

Item that no maner person or persons, denisen nor alien, shall not drawe nor strayne, nor do to bee drawen or strained within this realme, nor any of the parties beyonde the sea, any wollen clothes, of the makynge or drappynge within this realme, in lengthe nor in brede, more nor in other maner than is aforesaide, nor after the saide feast of Mydsomer, sende or conuey, nor cause to be sent or conueied into any of the parties of beyonde the sea (there to put to sale) any wollen clothes of the makyng or drappyng of this realme, drawen & strayned in length or brede, more than is afore rehersed, after the rate of .xviii. yardes for a brode clothe, vpon peyne to forfayte for euery clothe, so more drawen and strayned in lengthe and brede, than is aforesaide. xx. li. Clothes drawen or strayned. Clothes solde by measure.

Item that no maner persone (denizen nor other) bie or selle any wollen clothes by other measure more or lesse, than after the true content therof to be moten and measured by the yarde, addyng to euery yarde one inche of the rule of the trewe measurynge for the content of the same clothes, vpon peyne to forfayte for euery clothe to the contrary measured. C. s. Item that euery clothyer, and other persone, whiche shall put or delyuer to any persone any wolle to breake kembe carde or spynne, or yerne to the weauers to webbe, or the webbe to the fullers to full, walke, and thicke, shall withoute deceyte or male engine, satisfie content and paie to the same breker kember carder spynner weauer and fuller for the same they labour and workemanshyppe redy money of the kynges coyne) without to delyuer for payment of suche labour or workemanshyp, or any parte therof, in warres or vitayles, vpon peyne to forfayte for euery defaute in that he or they shall delyuer for suche payment for suche labour and workemanshippe any wares or vytayle. x. s. Cloth worker to bee paide in redy money.

¶ Item that the alnager or sealer, after the saide feast of Mydsomer nexte comynge, reasonably required, shall putte to euery wollen clothe, made and draped within the circuite or precincte of his office to bee solde, the kynges seales of lead, & not put to any suche clothes any seales of ware in any wyse, vpon peine of forfaiture for euery clothe sealed otherwise than with lead. iii. s. iiii. d. The one moitie of all the said forfaitures, conteyned in all the sayd ordinaunces, made for makyng & draping of wollen clothes, & for the measurynge therof, to be to our soueraygne lorde the kyng, & to enery person, which wyll & shal sue by writ byll or other action in that behalfe against any person (doyng to the contrary of the same ordinaūces) the other moitie. And that the defendaunt in any plea vpon any suche action, be not admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection nor essoine for any suche defendantes be alowed in the same. The saide actes & ordinaunces to endure to the nexte parliament. Alnager.

¶ And be it furthermore ordeyned and enacted, by the aduise and auctoritee aforesaid, that the king our soueraine lorde, or any other persōs, take not any aduauntage or profite of any penalties or forfaytures by an act made in the

parliament holden at westmister the. xxiii. day of January, in the first yere of the reigne of Richarde the thirde, late in dede and not in right kynge of Englande, concernynge the makynge and drapynge of wollen clothes, geuen, lymitted, or assigned for any clothe made or hereafter to be made, but onely accordynge to the saide ordinaunces and statutes nowe made in this present parliament, any acte statute ordinaunce or prouision to the contrarie here tofore made not withstandynge.

Kendals. ¶ Prouided alway that this acte extende not to wollen clothes, called kendalles, nor clothes called carpenel whites, cõmonly made for lining for hose.

tostockes. Deuonshire. ¶ And prouided also that this acte extende not to wollen clothes called tostockes, made in the countie of Deuonshyre, for medling stockes with theyr wolle, so they make the same clothes only of wolle growyng in the countie of Deuonshyre and of none other wolle, so that they drawe nor straine the same clothes more, nor in other maner than is afore saide.

¶ Prouided also that this acte or anie penaltie or article therin conteyned, extend not ne in any wyse be hurtful or preiudiciall to any clothe makers, for makyng of any cloth within the countie of Cornewall, but ỹ al clothmakers

Cornewal within the same countie, may make clothe & vse cloth makyng as they before ỹ makyng of this act haue vsed & accustomed: this acte or any thyng therin conteyned not withstandinge. Prouided also that this acte extende not or be preiudiciall of or to the maker marchaunte or byer of any wollen

bastardes clothes, called bastardes, made with cremill lystes.

¶ An acte concerning wollen clothes to be full wrought, barbed, rowed, and shorne, er they be caried out of this realme. Cap. viii.

Where at the parliament holden at westminster the. xx. date of Nouembre, the. iii. yere of the reigne of our late souerain lord kynge Henry the. viii. (whose soule god ỹdon) it was shewed by sherme,

Sheremen. Fullers. fullers & other artificers, that shuld lyue and opteyne their nedie sustentacion by meane of drapery, made and draped within this

London. realme, as well throughout the same realme as within the citie of London, ỹ wher as in a statute made the. vii. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the iii. amonges other it was cõtened, that no pson (denizen nor straũger) shuld

Wollen yarne. cary, or do to be caried to any ties beyond ỹ sea, any wollen yarne nor cloth vnfulled, but the wollen yarne to be made in this realme, should be wouen in the same. And also al cloth, within the same made shulde be fulled and fully wrought within the same, before ỹ any of the same shuld be had or caried out

Cloth vnfull. d. of this realme, vpon pein of forfaiture of ỹ very value of such yarne not wouen, & cloth not fulled, had or caried out of this realme. The one halfe of the same forfaiture to be leued to the vse of the kyng, and the other halfe to him or them that shuld espy or make proue of any such yarne not wouē, or cloth not fulled, caried to any place beyõde the sea. And for as much as in the said statute of kyng Edwarde there is none expresse mẽcion made, ỹ the said clothes

thes ſhould be rowed and ſhorne before that they be caried & conueied out of this realme, wherby ỹ ſaid poore commons of the craftes aforeſaid might be ſet in labour & occupacion: therfore the ſaid clothes then were and yet ben in great numbre and plentie caried and conueied out of this realme vnrowed and vnſhorne, in to the parties of beyonde the ſea, as well by denizens as by ſtraungers, wherby outlandiſh nacions with ỹ ſame drapery ben ſet to labor and occupacion, to their great enriching, & the poore cõmons of the craftes aforeſaid through all this realme, whiche of naturall reaſon (as the kinges true liege men) ſhuld haue and optayne their nedy ſuſtentacion and liuynge by meanes of the ſame drapery, for lacke of ſuche occupacion, dayly fall in great numbre into ydelnes and pouertee, to their vttermoſte diſtruction, if it ſhoulde than any longer continue. Wherupon our ſaide ſoueraygne lorde kynge Henry the. vii. by the aduiſe of his lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and at the prayers of the commons in his ſaide parliament aſſembled, and by auctoritee of the ſame, ordeyned, eſtabliſhed, and enacted, that no ſtraunger nor denizen ſhoulde carie, or make to bee caried, out of this realme, any wollen clothes, but that they before be barbed, rowed, & ſhorne within the ſame realme, for the relieſe & ſetting a worke of the ſaid poore commons of the craftes aforeſaide, vpon peine of the forfaiture lymitted in the ſaide ſtatute of kynge Edwarde, made vpon cloth caried out of this realme not fulled, to be deuided in maner & forme as in the ſame ſtatute is conteyned. So that clothe called beſſes, rayes, ſailyng clothes, & all other clothes cõmonly ſolde at. xl. s. or vnder, be not cõprized in the ſaid act, made the ſaide thyrde yere of the reigne of our ſaid late ſoueraygne lorde kynge Henry the vii. as by the ſame acte more playnly appereth. And for lacke of due execucion of the ſayd actes, litel effecte or profit hath folowed or growen of the ſame to the ſame poore craftes men, beyng naturall ſubiectes, whiche for lacke of worke and occupacion daily fall in idelnes & pouertee. Be it therfore ordeyned eſtabliſſhed and enacted by the kynge our ſouerayne lorde, and the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parlyament aſſembled, & by auctoritee of the ſame, that the ſaid actes & ordinaũces maie ſtande and continue in their full ſtrength and vertue. And that they from henſforth bene duely put in execucion, accordyng to the tenour purporte and effect of the ſame and of eyther of them. And that euery perſon, ỹ wyll ſue for the ſame forfaitures, be admitted to his action of dette, by bill or informacion in any of the kynges courtes of record, where the ſame may be determined after the courſe of the common lawe, ayd ỹ the defendaũt in ſuch behalfe in no wiſe be admitted to wage his lawe, nor that any protection or eſſoyne be in the ſame alowable. Neuertheleſſe for that the drappyng and makyng of ſuche clothes, called beſſes, rayes, ſaylynge clothes, and other clothes, whiche tyme of makynge of the eſtatute of kynge Henry the. vii. were commonly ſolde at. xl. s. or vnder, the maker thereof and clothyer of tymes paſſed and nowe is and hereafter is like to be at greatter charge, about the drappynge and makynge of the ſame, and alſo of all other clothes, for the

Drapery.

Stranger Denizen.

Beſſes. Rayes. Sayling clothes.

wolleis of farre greatter price, and also the costes & charges for the worke-manshippe of such clothes is farre more chargeable, than it was tyme of makynge of the saide estatute. Be it therfore prouided by the auctoritee afore saide, that clothes called vesses, raies, saplyng clothes, and other clothes nowe commonly solde at foure markes or vnder, be not comprised in this or any of the sayde actes, but maie bee caried and conueied out of this realme into the partie of beyonde the sea, not barbed rowed nor shorne, this or any the sayde actes not withstandynge.

¶ An acte repellynge the acte made at yorke for sellyng of vittayles by head officers. Cap. viii.

Where in the parlyamente of kynge Edwarde, sonne of kynge Edwarde, holden at yorke, in the. xii. yere of his reygne, amonges other thynges it was accorded and enacted, that no minister in citee or borough, whiche by reason of his office ought to kepe assises of wynes and vittayles, as longe as he shoulde be attendaunte to that office, shulde marchaunt wynes, or vyttayles in grosse. or at retayle, vpon certayne peyne limitted and expressed in the saide statute, as in the same more plainly dothe appere. Sithen the makynge of whiche statute and ordinaunce, many and the most part of all the cities, boroughes, and townes corporate within this realme of Englande be fallen in ruine and decaie, and not inhabited with marchauntes and men of suche substaunce, as they were at the tyme of makynge of the foresaide statute and ordinaunce: for at this daie the dwellers and inhabitauntes of the same cities and boroughes be moste commonly bakers, brewers, vyntners, fishmongers, and other vyttaylers, and fewe or none other persones of substaunce be within many of this sayde cyties, boroughes, and townes corporate other than the foresaide vyttaylers, at this daie able and sufficient to beare office within the same, and to content, answere, and paie vnto the kynges grace his fee ferme, wherwith they be charged. In consideracion wherof, and for the ease, comforte, and relefe of the foresayde poore cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, and of the inhabitauntes of the same: Be it ordeyned establysshed and enacted by the kyng our souerayne lorde, by thaduise of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this Vittailer. present parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that whan so euer and as often as any vyttayler is chosen to beare any office within any cytie, borough, or towne corporate, whiche for the tyme that he shall stande and be in suche office, shuld haue the assisynge and correction for sellynge of vyttayles, that than. ii. discrete and honeste persones of the same cytee borroughe or towne corporate, not beynge vytaillers, ne any of them beynge a vyttailer, shall be chosen by the commynaltie of the same citee, borroughe, or towne corporate, in lyke fourme as the sayde officer shall be chosen, whi-

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che two perſones, with the ſaide officer, ſhall be ſwo:ne trewely to ceſſe and ſet the p:ices and aſſiſes of pittayle there, fo: the tyme that any ſuche vittaller ſhall abide in his ſaide office. And that than it ſhall be laufull to all and euery of the ſaide officers, after the ſame vittailes be ſet and ceſſed by the ſame officer and the ſaid. ii. perſoyes, o: one of the ſame. ii. perſones, the other beynge abſent, to marchaunt and ſell wynes, and all other vittaile in groſſe and at retaile, duryng the tyme that he ſhall be in any ſuche office, without any thynge therfo:e to fo:faite. The ſayde ſtatute acte and o:dinaunce, o: any other acte o: actes, o:dinaunce, o: ſtatute to the contrarie made in any wiſe not withſtandynge.

¶ P:ouided alway that this acte o: any thynge therin conteined, ertende not to diſcharge any miniſter of the cities of London, Yo:ke, and Couentree, no: none of the, fo: any wyne o: vittaile to be ſolde by any retaile within any of the ſaide cities of London, Yo:ke, and Couentree.

¶ An acte agaynſt mummers. Cap. ix.

Fo: as muche as lately within this realme, dyuers perſons haue diſgyſed and apparelled them, and couered they: faces with vyſours o: other thynges, in ſuche maner that they ſhoulde not be knowen, and diuers of them in a company to gyther, nampnge them ſelfe mummers, haue comen to the dwellynge place of dyuers men of honour & other ſubſtanciall perſons, & ſo departed vnknowen, wherupon murthers, felonie, rape, and other great hurtes & inconueniences haue alo:e tyme growen, and hereafter by lyke to come by the colour therof, if the ſaid diſo:de ſhuld continue not refo:med. Wherfo:e be it o:deined and enacted by the kynge our ſouereine lo:de, & by the lo:des ſpirituall and tempo:all and the commons in this p:eſent parliament aſſembled, and by the auctho:itee of the ſame, that if any perſone hereafter diſguiſe o: apparell them with viſours, o: other wyſe upon they: faces, and ſo diſgyſed o: apparelled as mummers o: perſons vnknowen, by reaſon of they: apparell, aſſociate o: accompanie them to gyther o: aparte, and attempte to entre, o: entre in to the houſe of any perſonne o: perſonnes, o: aſſauts o: affraies make upon any perſon in the kynges hie waie, o: any other place, in fo:me afo:eſaide diſgyſed, that than the ſaid mummers o: diſgyſed perſones, and euery of them, ſhalbe areſted by any of the kynges liege people, as ſuſpectes o: vacabundes, and be cõmitted to the kinges gaole, there to be impriſoned by the ſpace of .iii. monethes without bayle o: mainp:iſe, and than to make fine to the kyng by the diſcretion of the Juſtices, by whom they ſhalbe delyuered out of p:iſon. And alſo it is o:deined and enacted by the ſaide auctho:itee, that if any perſon o: perſons ſelle o: kepe any viſours o: viſour in his houſe, o: in any other place within this realme, after the feaſt of Eſter nexte cõmyng, and after this acte p:oclaimed, that the ſaid perſon (that kepeth the

Viſours.

Diſguiſed mummers

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saide vysour or vysours) shall forfaite to the kynge our soueraygne lorde for
Imprisonment. euery vysour .xx. s. And farther shall suffer imprisonment, & make fine after
the discrecion of the Justices, afore whom he is therof conuicted by exami-
nacion, or by inquisicion after the course of the cõmon lawe. And that ỹ Iu-
stices of the peace in theyr sessions, & Justices of gaole deliuery, & all other
Iustices of peace. the kynges Justices, haue auctorite to inquere, here, and determine all the
premisses, as well by examinacion as by inquisicion, after the course of the
common lawe. And this acte to endure to the nexte parliament.

¶ An acte for curriours to haue serche of leather. Cap. x.

IN their moste humble wise shewen vnto your highnes, and
to your moste honorable counsell, your poore subiectes and
daily oratours, the wardens and felosshyp of the craft of cur-
riours within your citee of Lõdon, ỹ where at dyuers parlia-
Tanners. mentes, holden as well in the seconde yere of one of your no-
Corduaniers. ble progenitours kynge Henry the .vi. as in the firste and
Corriour. xii. yeres of the reigne of your most noble father of famous memorie kynge
Henry the .viii. diuers ordinaunces and estatutes were made, enacted, and
established, that no tanner shaulde vse or occupie the craftes of a corduani-
er or corriour, neither no corduainer shoulde vse or occupie the craftes of a
tanner or corriour: neither no corriour shulde vse or ocupie the craftes of a
tanner or corduainer. And that any persone, occupiynge any of these three
occupacions, whyle and as longe as he occupieth one of theim, not to oc-
cupie any of the other two, vpon dyuers peynes contemed in the saide esta-
Stranger tutes. And where as all maner of straungers alientes, borne out of this
your realme of Englande Irelande, Wales, Calets, or the marches of the
same, occupiynge the crafte or misterie of corduainer, dwellyng as well
London. within the citee of London, the fraunches of sayne Katherines, sayne Mar-
tens, and also in the suburbes of the same citee, as in the towne of westmin-
ster, the borough of Southwarke, and other places within and about the
Leather. saide citee, vse daily to bie leather, as in Innes, corners, and other secrete
places, and not in the open market, where the assaie and seale for suche cau-
ses is kepte, that no disceitefull ware, vnsufficientely wrought or tanned,
shuld be vttered to your liege people, but to be forfaited: whiche leather so
disceitefully and insufficiently tanned, and by the saide persones of fraun-
chises and subburbes afore saide so boughte, the same persons courrie and
dresse in theyr owne houses, and in other places by them secretly hired ther-
fore, and for their singuler lucre and auantage sell & vtter the same to your
liege people, to the great damage and vniuersall hurte and disceite, as well
of all other your liege people, as to your saide oratours, and hitherto vnpu-
nisshed, for as muche as none acte ne ordinaunce extendeth vpon any suche
person or persons so franchised. In tender consideracion wherof, it maie
please your saide highnes, by the assent and consent of your saide lordes spi-
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rituall and tempozall, and the comons at this pzesent parliament assembled and by auctozitee of the same, to establisshe and enacte, that no straunger alien, not bozne within your saide realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, Caleis, oz the marches of the same, dwellynge within suche strauncheled places oz within the suburbes, oz about other places of the saide citee, bie oz cause to be bought to his oz theyz vse, any such leather oz wares in any secrete places, but only in the open market, where it maie be seene, assaied, sealed and abled good and sufficiently tanned and cozried, vnder the peyne of fozfayture foz euery hyde so bought. vi. s. viii. d. The one halfe therof to the kynge our soueraigne lozde and the other halfe to the taker, finder, oz shewer of the same. And also that from thensfozth the wardens of the saide felowship of cozriours (foz the tyme beynge) and theyz successours, oz theyz sufficient deputie oz deputies, duely and substauncially assigned, maie haue serche, as well within the felowshippes of tanners, as the felowshippes of straungers alyentes occupiynge the sayde crafte of cozdwayners, and also in theyz owne pzopze crafte of cozriours, dwellynge within the sayde strauncheles, suburbes, and other places, as is abouesaide, foz all maner suche leather insufficiently tanned, sealed, & cozried, as often as they shall thinke conuenient. And the same leather so founde insufficient, to be fozfaited, and the owner therof to bee committed to warde, there to remayne without baile oz maynepzise by the space of fyue daies, and to paie foz a fyne foz euery tyme so offendynge. xx. s. The one halfe of the saide money (so fozfaited) to the kynge our soueraygne lozde, and the other halfe of the sayde money to the partie that wyll sue therfoze. And if any persone oz persons strauncheled oz vnstrauncheed, of what degree so euer he be, interrupt, lette, oz disturbe the saide wardens of cozriours, oz their successours, deputie, oz deputies, to make due serche, in maner and fozme abouesaide: that than the said interrupters and letters therof to bee bzought to gaole oz pzison, there to remaine without baille oz mainpzise by the space of. x. daies, and to paie foz a fine. xl. s. The one halfe therof to the kyng our soueraine lozde, and the other halfe to the saide fellosshippe of cozriours and chaumbze of the saide citee, to the vse of the cõmnaltee of the same citee. And the lozdes of all the strauncheles afozesaide, and their successours, euery of them to haue to theyz owne vse all suche leather so fozfaited within his owne straunches, as often as any suche fozfaiture shall bee founde by the saide wardeines, oz their sufficient deputie oz deputies, in maner and fourme aboue rehersed. And the suite foz the recouerie of the pzemisses, and euery parte therof, to be by action of dette. And that the defendaunt in any wise shall not wage his lawe, noz be by pzotection noz essoyne, noz the partie to be barred by the kynges pardone, noz be delaied by any plea to the disablement of his persone.

Fozfayture.

Wardens of cozriours.

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¶ An acte concernyng the approbacion of phi-
ſicions and ſurgions. Cap. xi.

Phiſike. Surgerie.

TO the kyng our ſouereigne lorde, and to all the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, & cõmons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, Foraſmuche as the ſcience and connyng of phiſike and ſurgerie (to the perfect knowlage whereof be requiſite both great lernyng and ripe experience) is daiely within this realme exerciſed by a great multitude of ignorant perſons: of whom the great parte haue no maner of inſight in the ſame, nor in any other kynde of lernynge, ſome alſo can no letters on the boke, ſo farforthe that common artificers, as ſmithes, weauers, and women boldely and cuſtomably take vpon theim great cures and thynges of great difficultee: in the whiche they partely vſe ſorcerie, and witchcraffte, partely applie ſuch medicines vnto the diſeaſe, as be verey noyous and nothyng metely therfore, to the highe diſpleaſure of god, great infamie to the facultee, and the greuous hurte, damage, and diſtruction of many of the kynges liege people: moſte ſpecially of them that can not diſcerne the vnconnyng from connyng. Be it therfore (to the ſuretie and comforte of all maner people) by auctoritee of this preſent parliament enacted, that no perſone within the citee of London, nor within ſeuen miles of the ſame, take vpon hym to exerciſe and occupie as a phiſicion or ſurgion, excepte he bee firſt examined, approued, and admitted by the biſhop of London, or by the deane of Paules, for the tyme beynge, callynge to hym or them foure doctours of phiſike, and for ſurgery, other experte perſons in that facultee, and for the firſte examinacion ſuche as they ſhall thynke conuenient, and afterwarde alwaie foure of them that hame ben ſo approued, vpon the peine of forfaiture, for euery moneth that they do occupie as phiſicions or ſurgeons, not admitted nor examined after the tenour of this acte, of .v. li. to be employed the one halfe therof to thuſe of our ſoueraine lorde the kynge, and the other halfe therof to any perſone that will ſue for it by action of dette, in whiche no wager of lawe nor protection ſhalbe alowed.

Biſhop of London. Deane of Paules. Forfaiture.

¶ And ouer this, that no perſone out of the ſayd citee and precincte of .vii. miles of the ſame, except he haue ben (as is aforeſaid) approued in the ſame, take vpon hym to exerciſe and occupie as a phiſicion, or ſurgion, in any diocele within this realme, but if he be firſte examined and approued by the biſſhoppe of the ſame dioceſe, or he beynge out of the dioces, by his vycare generall: either of them callyng to them ſuche experte perſones in the ſaide facultees, as theyr diſcrecion ſhall thinke conuenient, and geuyng theyr letters teſtimonials vnder their ſeale to hym that they ſhall ſo aproue, vpon lyke peyne to them that occupie contrary to this acte (as is aboue ſaide) to be leuied and employed after the forme before expreſſed.

¶ Prouided alway, that this acte nor any thynge therin conteyned, be preiudiciall to the vniuerſitees of Orforde and Cambridge, or eyther of them, or to any priuileges graunted to them.

Orforde, Cambridge

¶ In

☞ In acte concernynge the reformacion of im-
panels for the kynge. Cap. xii.

WHere as great extorcions and oppressions be and haue ben within the maye partie of al the counties and shires within this realme of England, by the subtiltie and vntrue demeanour of sheriffes and theyr ministers, committed and done vnto many persons in great numbre of the kynges subiectes, by meane and makyng and returnynge at euery sessions holden within the sayde counties and shyres for the bodie of the shyre, in takinge and puttynge in and retournynge of names of suche persons, as for the singuler auantage, benefite, and gaine of the saide sheriffes and their ministers will be wilfully forswome and periured, by the ministre labour of the said shiriffes and theyr ministers: by reason wherof many and diuerse substanciall persones (the kinges true subiectes) contrary to good equitie and rightuousnes, haue diuers times & many, wrongefully be indited of diuers murders, felonies, & other misbehauour, by their couin and falsehead, to the vtter vndoing of their liues, losse of their gooddes and their landes: by reason wherof they and euery of them, in aduoidyng the vntrue trouble and veracion, whiche to them might come and ensue by reason and occasion of the same false inditementes, and also somtime by labour of the said sheriffes, diuers greate felonies and murders conceled, and by the said persons: Also by the saide sheriffes and their ministers partially retourned not presented, be and haue bene compelled to make fines and geue rewardes to the saide Sheryffes & their ministers. Wherfore be it enacted, ordeined, and established by the kynge our soueraine lorde, and by the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that all panelles to be retourned, whiche be not at the suite of any partie, that shall be made and put in by euery sheriffe & their ministers afore any Justice of gaole deliueree or Justice of peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum, in theyr open sessions to enquere for the kynge, shall be retourned by puttyng to and takynge out of the names of the persons, whiche so be enpanelled by euery sheriffe & theyr ministers, by the discrecion of the same Justices, before whom suche panelles shall be returned. And that the same iustice & Justices shal cõmaunde euery shereffe, and their ministers in his absence, to put other psons in the same panel by their discrecions: and that the same panels so retourned by the said Justices, be good and lauful. And that if any sheriffe, or any theyr minister, at any tyme do not returne the same panels so retourned: that than euery suche shereffe or ministers offendynge, for euerie suche offence shall forfaite. xx. li. sterlynge money of Englande: the one halfe therof to oure saueraynge lorde the kynge or his heires, and the other halfe therof to him or them of his subiectes, that will sue for the same by action of dette at the common lawe, or

Panelles, Shiref.

bill

bill, or complaint, where it shall fortune any suche to fall and be: and that none essoine ne protection be allowed for the defendaunte or defendauntes in that actions or playntes, nor that the saide defendaunte nor defendauntes therin be admitted to wage their lawe. And that the kynges pardon shall be no barre agaynste the partie and parties in the same, that any suche actions shall sue.

Barre.

☞ In acte adnullyng shotyng in crosbowes. Cap. xiii.

Where in the .xix. yere of the reigne of our late soueraigne lorde kinge Henry the. viii. for dysynge of longe bowes, and encrease of archers, whiche is and hath ben a great suertie and defence of this realme, it was enacted, that no persone withyn this realme, of what condicion or degree he were of, excepte he were a lorde, or that he might spende of landes and tenementes of freeholde to the yerely value of. CC. markes aboue the charges, or els had the kinges speciall licence vnder his placarde, signed and sealed with his priuei seale or signet, shulde occupie or shote in any crosbowe within this realme, but onely for laufull defence of his house, vpon diuers peynes exprissed in the saide statute. And sens the saide statute made, so many men haue obtained licence to shote in crossebowes by placardes, made by the said late kyng, & by the kyng our soueraine lorde that nowe is. And many men pretendinge to haue landes and tenementes to the yerely value of. CC. markes, shoote daily in crosbowes, so that shotynge in crossebowes is littell or nothyng amynisshed sins the said statute, but rather increased. Be it therfore ordeined by auctoritie of this present parliament, that the saide statute made the saide .xix. yere, stand in his force, and be executed in euery article therof, except that all placardes of licence, for shotyng in crossebowes, made by the said late king, or by the kinge our soueraine lorde, afore the first daie of this present parliament, be voyde. And that no person, if he be a lorde, or haue landes or tenementes of freholde or other to his vse, to the yerely value of CCC. markes, ouer al charges, shote in any crosbowe, otherwise than in the saide act is exprissed for defence of his house. And that the penalties in the said statute compriised for such persons, hauinge landes or tenementes to the yerely value of. CC. markes, for suffring of their seruantes to shote in crosbowes, other wise than to assaie his maisters bowes, or to vnbend the same, extende to the said persons, that maie expende. CCC. markes, and all other penalties compriised in the same statute.

Crosbowe

An

☞ In acte concernyng vnlaufull oyles to be ſerched and ſeene, that they be good and laufull. Cap. xiii.

PRaien your highnes the commons in this preſent parliamente aſſembled, that where as diuers maner of oyles ben brought into this realme, aſwell into the citee of London, as to diuers other places within the ſame realme, which be daily vſed and miniſtred aſwell for mannes ſuſtenaunce and comforte, as for neceſſaries for draping of wollen clothes, and for other diuers neceſſaries, vſed for the weale of your ſubiectes, & for lacke of good ouerſight ſerch and correction of ſuche oyles many ſimple perſons (biers of the ſaide oyles to ſell afterwarde) falſely and deceiuably by craftie meanes do mire and alter the ſame oyles from their former nature & goodnes, to the great loſſe, leopdie, daunger, & deceit of your ſubiectes, wherfore be it by your highnes, by thaduiſe & aſſent of your lordes ſpirituall and temporal, & of your commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctoritie of the ſame ordeined enacted and eſtabliſſhed, that the maire of the citie of London (for the tyme being) with the maiſter and wardens of the miſterie or crafte of Tallough-chaundelers of the ſame citie for the tyme beinge, ſhall from henſeforth haue full power and auctoritee to ſerche all maner of oyles brought into the ſaide citee af London to be ſold, in whoſe handes ſo euer they bee or ſhalbe founde, and that as often as the caſe ſhal require. And that the ſaid maire, with the ſaide maiſter and wardeins of the ſaid miſterie or crafte of tallough chaundelers, for the time beinge, ſhal truely ſerch and ouerſee, that the ſame oyles to be put to ſale, be not mixte nor altered from their right kindes, but that they be good and laufull as they ought to be. And that it ſhall be laufull to the ſaide maire, with the ſaide maiſter and wardeins for the time beinge, to damme, auoide, and vtterlie to caſt owaie all ſuche oyles as they ſhall finde defectiue, or falſely or deceiuably mixed and altered from their right kindes, as is afore ſaid, without any let or pturbance of any perſon or perſons what ſo euer they are, or ſhalbe. And alſo the ſaid maire, maiſter, & wardeynes to cõmitte ſuche perſon or pſons, as ſhalbe founde defectiue for vſing of ſuche diſcept or crafte, to warde, and to puniſhe him or them therfore by their diſcrecions, according to the lawes and cuſtomes within the ſaide citee or Iybertee of London vſed, had & made of & for other miſdoers, & offenders in the ſaid citee, ¶ And be it farther enacted by the ſaid authoritie, that ỹ maire in euery citee borough, & towne within this realme, where a maire is (for the tyme being) or the gouernour or gouernours or rulers of euery other citie, borough, & towne corporate within this realme alſo for the time beinge. ſhal haue within their iuriſdiction, libertee, & fraunchiſe, euery of them like auctoritee and power to make and do like ſerche, order, direction, correction, puniſhement, and execucion of the ſame, of for and vpon alloyles beyng defectiue, or diſceiuably or falſely mixed and altered, by any perſon or perſons within their liberties and fraunchese, in maner and fourme as is afore reher-

Oyles.

Maire of London. Tallowe chandlers.

London. Maire.

Serche of oyle.

ſed, as the ſaid maire, maiſters, and wardens of the ſaide citie of London, by this preſent acte haue or might haue, of, for, or vpon any ayle ſolde or to be ſolde within the ſaide citee of London.

¶ An acte concernynge the makyng of cappes and hattes. Cap. xv.

Cappes & hattes.

WHere by the workers and makers of cappes and hattes within this realme of Englande, haue daily occupied and ſet on worke in makyng of cappes and hattes of the kynges naturall ſubiectes, that is to ſay, men, women, maidens, and children (borne within this realme of Englande) to the great relefe & comforte of poore priſoners within this realme, to the nombre of three ſcore thouſande perſons and aboue, in cardynge, ſpynnynge, ſtytchyng, knyttyng, thyckyng, dreſſyng, dieng, ſheryng, & preſſing, with other certayn feates concernynge the worſkyng and makyng of cappes and hattes, made and wrought within the citee of London, and in diuers & many other cities, boroughes, & townes within this realme, wherby the kinges ſubiectes here naturally borne, haue had theyr poore liuinge time out of minde, till of late yeres paſte ꝑ ſo greate abundance of cappes and hattes (redy wrought and made) haue bene and dayly ꝑ brought from the parties of beyonde the ſea in to this realme, and here haue ben and daily bene vttred and ſolde, to the great profite, occupieng, encreaſe, and relefe of ſtraungers of other realmes, whiche had and haue the worſkynge and makyng of the ſame cappes and hattes, And to the great ydelnes, empouerifhyng, and vtter vndoinge of great multitude of the kynges naturall ſubiectes, borne within this ſaide realme. By reaſon wherof the kinges ſubiectes, borne within the ſaide realme, haue not theyr poore liuinge, nor be not occupied, nor ſet on worke in makynge of cappes and hattes, as they were wonte to be. By occaſion wherof they fall to idelnes and other inconueniences, to beggynge, and manyfolde ſyckneſſe, to the greate impouerifhmente of the commons of this realme.

In conſideracion of the premiſſes, be it ordeyned, enacted, and eſtabliſſhed, by the kynge our ſouereigne lorde, the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by auctorite of the ſame: that from the firſte daie of Maie nexte comynge, there be no cappes nor hattes, made and redie wrought in any partie beyonde the ſea, bought by any of the kinges ſubiectes, borne vnder the kinges obeiſaunce, eccepte lordes or knyghtes, vpon peyne of forfaiture for euery ſuche cappe or hatte ſo by them or any of them bought. xl. s. the one moitie of the ſame forfaiture to be to the kynge our ſouereigne lorde, and the other moitie to him or them that will ſue for the ſame by action of dette or otherwiſe, in whiche action the partie defendant ſhall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor protection nor eſſoyne to be allowed in the ſame action. Furthermore be it enacted by the ſaid auctorite, ꝑ no capper nor hatter, nor other perſone, ſell nor put to ſale any hat or cappe ꝑ ſhalbe made within this realme, after the feaſt of mid-

Forfaiture.

of midsomer next comyng, but that it be sufficiently wrought, and of a sufficient colour in euery point after the goodnes and fines of the wooll, whereof they shal be made, vpon peine of forfaiture of euery cappe or hatte so solde vi. s. viii. d. And that the capper, nor none other persons, shall not take by hym selfe or any other person to his vse, for any cappe made of the finest Leempnster wooll, aboue. iii. s. iiii. d. nor for any cap made of the seconde sorte of the same Leempnster wooll aboue. ii. s. vi. d. nor for any cap made of the thirde sort of Leempnster wooll aboue. xx. d. nor for any cappe made of the fourth sort of the same Leempnster wooll aboue. xii. d. And that no capper, hatter nor any other pson, shall not take by hym selfe, or any other person to his vse, for any cap made of the finest Cottes wolde wooll aboue. ii. s. nor for any cap made of the secõde sorte of the same Cottewolde wooll aboue. xvi. d. And that all other cappes & hattes of other wooll, to be solde at suche price as the bier and seller may resonably agree. The cap made of the saide finest Leempnster wooll to be marked with this marke in the lynyng of the same cappe with a letter L, The cappe made of the seconde sorte of the same Leempnster wooll, to be marked with this marke L. R. The cappe made of the finest Cottes wolde wooll, to be marked with a letter C. in the lynyng therof. And the cappe made of the seconde sorte of Cottes wolde wooll, to be marked with this marke. C. R. And the hatter capper nor other person by hym selfe, nor any other persone to his vse, shall take of any of the kynges subiectes, for any hatte of the best makyng, not ingrayned, more than. ii. s. And if any capper hatter or other person take more money for any cappe or hatte, contrary to this acte, he to forfaite for euery cappe and hat, for whiche he shall take more than is afore rehersed. xl. s. The moite therof to be to the kynge our soueraigne lorde: And the other moite to the partie greued, or any other person that wolde sue for the same forfaiture by writte, bill, or plaint at the common lawe, or after the custome of to citee or towne, where it shall fortune suche forfaiture to be, by like processe as is vsed in actions of dette, in courte where it shalbe pursued. And that the defendant in that behalfe be not admitted to wage his lawe, nor that any protection or essoyne be to hym allowed. And that all and singuler estatutes heretofore made concernyng hattes or cappes, be from henceforthe repelled and adnulled by vertue of this present parliament.

Marke.

Forfaiture.

Thomas Berthelet excudebat. Cum priuilegio.

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